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R. S. Payne

REPORT

—OF THE—

AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS

—AND—

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

—OF THE—

Town of Wiscasset

—FOR THE—

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1897,

And Estimates of the Selectmen for the ensuing year,

Together with an Inventory of the Property
of the Town.

WISCASSET:
EMERSON, STEAM PRINTER
1897.

Appropriations, Receipts and Expenditures.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1896-7.

For paupers and town farm	\$1,000 00
Schools	1,500 00
Town officers.....	450 00
Fire department.....	350 00
Sidewalks and bridges.....	700 00
Contingent expenses.....	100 00
Abatements.....	200 00
Commissions.....	200 00
Highways, in money.....	1,500 00
School books.....	150 00
New road, to Nason's.....	220 00
Town debt and interest.....	2,000 00
Repairs on school building.....	300 00
Free high school.....	500 00
New school building.....	600 00
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Total town tax.....	\$9,770 00
State tax.....	1,290 12
County tax.....	717 61
Overlays	46 97
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Total	\$11,824 70

ASSESSMENTS.

Assessed on real estate.....	\$8,465 05
“ “ personal estate.....	2,210 65
“ “ polls	1,149 00
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	\$11,824 70
Valuation real estate	\$384,775
“ personal “	100,484
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	\$485,259
Rate .022.	

SUPPLEMENTAL ASSESSMENT.

Assessed on real estate.....		\$2 20
“ “ personal estate.....		6 49
“ “ polls		45 00
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		\$53 69
Valuation real estate	\$100	
“ personal “	295	
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	\$395	

Bills paid by Orders drawn by Selectmen during the Year Ending March 1, 1897.

On Account of Town Farm and Paupers.

APPROPRIATION, \$1,000.

Superintendent:

Fred'k Colby to April 15th, 1896.....	\$75 00	
William S. Dow.....	300 00	\$375 00

Store Accounts:

Jesse White.....	\$52 91
A. Peterson.....	14 79
Sarah E. Carr.....	10 43
Nath. Lincoln.....	95 36
Fred Albee.....	27 33
L. L. Lowell.....	25 76
Alfred Lennox.....	36 44
Chas. P. Knight.....	4 29
Seekins & Dickinson.....	7 84
R. H. T. Taylor.....	48 75
Daniel A. Campbell.....	21 81
William Farnham.....	72 95
F. T. Dana.....	3 69
S. B. Hilton.....	9 70

Edw. B. Neal.....	3 95	
J. M. Knight.....	119 93	
Geo. P. Colby.....	4 10	
J. M. Haynes.....	34	
Gibbs & Rundlett.....	15 55	
H. W. Hawes.....	28 39	
Dana Drug store.....	4 05	
	<hr/>	\$608 .36

Included in above are supplies, &c., to following not on farm when bills contracted:

F. H. Lewis' family.....	8 05	
Allen F. Bailey.....	63 00	
Alvin Donnell.....	2 07	
Mrs. Pottle.....	81 49	
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	<u>\$154 61</u>	

Miscellaneous:

John West for A. F. Bailey.....	\$2 50	
F. H. Lewis for two beds.....	3 00	
Wm. G. Grover for yoke oxen.....	84 00	
Wm. S. Dow for two pigs.....	6 50	
A. A. Foye for use stock.....	1 50	
C. E. Knight for legal services.....	3 00	
John Rines for labor.....	3 40	
Seth Patterson for insurance.....	15 00	
B. H. Crossman for labor.....	3 45	
Geo. S. Lincoln for material.....	3 05	
Abbey C. Southard for rent of house to Mrs. Eli Farnham.....	14 00	
Geo. Seavey for wood.....	2 00	
S. A. Stephens for medical services.....	26 00	
C. E. Cowley for labor.....	90	
Seth Patterson for conveyance Mrs. Emma Rowe to Augusta.....	10 00	
Seth Patterson for lodging tramps.....	14 50	
John Nute for labor.....	1 00	
John Albee for one pig.....	1 75	
City of Bath for supplies to John Carlisle....	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$220 55

Maine Insane Hospital, Augusta:

Norman C. Lewis, through city of Rockland, July to November.....	85 01	
Norman C. Lewis, Jan. to April '96.....	33 90	
Judith A. Dickinson.....	139 68	
Mary F. Rowe.....	14 29	
Abbie L. Albee.....	139 36	
		<hr/> \$412 24

Industrial School, Hallowell:

Partial support Alice M. Bridges.....		\$26 00
		<hr/> \$1,642 15

Less:

Received from town Westport, Jesse Bailey...	12 75	
“ “ “ Boothbay, F. H. Lewis..	8 05	
“ “ sales	4 17	
“ “ W. S. Dow, labor, highway....	16 50	
“ “ W. S. Dow, labor, bridge.....	4 00	
“ “ Eli Farnham.....	18 00	
		<hr/> \$63 47
		<hr/> \$1,578 68

Statement by the Selectmen.

TOWN FARM IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN.

DR.

To farm and buildings, Mar. 25, 1896.....	\$1,400 00	
Live stock on farm, “ “ “	91 25	
Hay, wood, implements, furniture, &c....	308 20	
Orders drawn on acct. town farm.....	603 30	
		<hr/> \$2,402 75

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By farm and buildings, Mar. 5, 1897.....	\$1,400 00	
Live stock on farm, “ “ “	166 00	
Hay, wood, implements, furniture, &c....	401 58	
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Assets	\$1,967 58	
Add amt. received, sales and labor from farm.	\$24 67	
Balance, cost of supporting paupers on farm..	410 50	
		<hr/> \$2,402 00

Sidewalks and Bridges.

APPROPRIATION, \$700.00

Thomas E. Rines.....	\$8 25
J. P. Hilton.....	5 55
Jasper Rines.....	9 50
Geo. F. Rines.....	9 85
W. S. Damon.....	2 20
John N. Rines.....	1 40
Warren Sheldon.....	1 84
Jas. L. White, lumber and labor.....	15 08
W. & Q. R. R. Co.....	10 50
Robt. Foye.....	5 25
T. W. Cunningham.....	1 20
H. W. Clarey, lumber.....	264 77
W. G. Cunningham, lumber.....	16 00
L. Nute ".....	39 62
Samuel Averill, ".....	20 00
J. G. White, lumber and labor.....	7 60
John F. Wright, building Thompson bridge...	134 50
W. R. Bailey, lumber.....	3 00
F. W. Palmer, ".....	70 16
J. F. Young, " and labor.....	12 15
Nathan McKenney, lumber and labor.....	3 81
James V. Sprowl, lumber and labor.....	16 25
George Bailey, ".....	6 00
J. Manchester Haynes, lumber.....	214 22
Fred Lewis, removing draw.....	35 00
" " labor.....	7 10
W. S. Dow, lumber.....	4 00
W. S. Dow, labor, 1895.....	1 50
Sewall Dickinson, labor.....	27 00
Sanford Lewis, ".....	27 00
Ames B. Rounds, ".....	75
W. O. Rumrill, ".....	2 40
S. S. Rumrill, ".....	3 75
Wm. Rines, ".....	3 60
D. H. Wakefield, ".....	4 10

F. H. Hutchings,	"	.....	4 95	
Bradford Clark,	"	.....	9 37	
John H. Dow,	"	.....	19 25	
Wm. B. Pottle,	"	.....	4 50	
Jos. H. Smith,	"	.....	10 14	
John T. Young,	"	.....	8 70	
Isaac Coffin,	"	.....	2 80	
Jas. W. Blagdon,	"	.....	2 95	
L. B. Marston,	"	.....	3 00	
J. E. Hutchings,	"	.....	5 45	
Albert H. Gould,	"	.....	1 80	
Newell Jackson,	"	.....	37 75	
Wm. Greenleaf,	"	.....	32 25	
Wilson Lewis,	"	.....	33 30	
S. L. Blagdon,	"	.....	7 62	
Joshua Poole,	"	.....	7 50	
J. M. Jackson,	"	.....	3 80	
John McFadden,	"	.....	2 00	
John West,	"	.....	1 50	
John Nute,	"	.....	2 00	
Chas. P. Knight, materials.....			55	
F. T. Dana,	"	.....	14 61	
Edw. B. Neal.	"	.....	17 83	
			<hr/>	\$1,221 52

Received for old plank sold, 75c.

Fire Department.

APPROPRIATION, \$350.00

Payment of Firemen:

No. 1, 50 men.....	\$150 00	
No. 2, 40 men.....	120 00	
<hr/>		\$270 00

Care of Engines:

J. O. McBean.....	\$12 00	
John McFadden.....	12 00	
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Labor and Supplies:

Geo. P. Lewis.....	\$6 00	
Jos. T. Cowley.....	2 95	
W. S. Peaslee & Co.....	1 15	
Wm. Farnham.....	72	
Edw. B. Neal	2 15	
John West.....	50	
		<hr/>
		\$13 47
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		\$307 47

Town Officers.

APPROPRIATION \$450.00.

Selectmen:

Lincoln W. Gibbs.....	\$75 00	
Wilson Lewis.....	65 00	
Edwin Amsden.....	150 00	
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		\$290 00
Alfred Call, Policeman.....	\$25 00	
John F. Wright, special policeman.....	3 00	
Warren Pushard, " "	5 00	
Alfred Call, Truant Officer.....	20 00	
S. A. Stephens, Health Officer.....	10 00	
Sol. Holbrook, Town Clerk.....	26 47	
W. F. Merrill, Supervisor.....	100 00	
F. W. Sewall, Auditor.....	20 00	
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		\$499 47

School Book Account.

APPROPRIATION, \$150.00

American Book Co.....	\$114 63	
Ginn & Co.....	23 18	
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn.....	7 50	
Silver, Burdett & Co.....	9 00	
Lee & Shepard.....	2 50	
Sundries	5 28	
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		\$162 09

Received for old books sold, \$1.25.

Contingent Account.

APPROPRIATION, \$100.00.

Chas. E. Cowley, ringing bell.....	\$10 00
John West, painting pump.....	75
Warren Pushard, night watch.....	24 00
Wm. H. Southard, sawing wood.....	1 75
Chas. E. Emerson, printing.....	35 25
Alfred A. Foye, sand.....	1 25
Jos. T. Cowley, cleaning tomb.....	3 00
same ringing bell.....	25 00
Geo. Blagdon, trucking.....	2 00
Orrin Pottle, labor.....	2 85
Alfred Call, posting warrants, &c.....	10 72
S. A. Stephens, reporting births and deaths.....	5 50
Fred Albee, wood for office.....	2 50
R. H. T. Taylor, supplies.....	36
Edw. B. Neal, ".....	3 71
Gibbs & Rundlett, ".....	15 83
J. M. Knight, rent of hall, four meetings.....	17 00
E. E. Seekins, postage.....	8 50
Jesse White, ballot clerk.....	4 00
W. F. Merrill, " ".....	4 00
Wm. Farnham, " ".....	4 00
W. D. Patterson, " ".....	4 00
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	\$185 97

Received for cemetery deeds, \$3.00

Highway Account.

APPROPRIATION, \$1,500.00.

Amount expended..... \$1,739 42

DISTRICT.	SURVEYORS.	APPORTIONED.
No. 1,	James W. Blagdon.....	\$325 00
2,	Willard R. Bailey.....	100 00
3,	Isaac Coffin.....	45 00
4,	John H. Dow.....	42 00

5,	Fred'k W. Blagdon.....	50 00
6,	Abram Nute.....	92 00
7,	Joseph F. Erskine.....	70 00
8,	Ulyses G. Gibbs.....	45 00
9,	Frank B. Houdlett.....	56 00
10,	Lewis F. Lowell.....	58 00
11,	Samuel S. Rumrill.....	52 00
12,	John E. Hutchins.....	67 00
13,	Daniel H. Wakefield.....	50 00
24,	F. C. Grover.....	50 00
15,	John F. Young.....	50 00
16,	Timothy Cunningham.....	40 00
17,	William G. Grover.....	93 00
18,	George McKinney.....	70 00
19,	Charles W. White.....	80 00
20,	Anson M. Baker.....	40 00
21,	George Bailey.....	25 00

\$1,500 00

New School-House at Lowelltown.

APPROPRIATION, \$600.00.

J. M. Haynes, lumber.....	\$120 69
A. P. Hutchings, lumber, doors, sash, &c.....	58 03
Maine Central, freight.....	8 22
U. G. Gibbs, shingles.....	18 50
F. W. Palmer, clapboards.....	25 00
Geo. S. Lincoln, lime.....	18 03
Wiscasset Pressed Brick Co.....	14 40
U. S. School Furniture Co.....	66 76
W. S. Peaslee & Co., materials.....	14 63
F. T. Dana, ".....	2 83
Edw. B. Neal, ".....	30 77
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	\$377 86

Labor, Trucking, &c.

John N. Rines.....	\$51 00	
James W. Gibbs.....	1 05	
U. G. Gibbs	18 00	
Emery H. Gibbs.....	91 00	
John E. Hutchings.....	11 55	
Eli Farnham.....	47 00	
Jas. V. Sprowle.....	4 50	
Jasper Rines.....	5 75	
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		\$229 75
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		\$607 61

School-House Repairs Account.

APPROPRIATION, \$300.00.

United States School Furniture Co.....	\$121 53	
Rufus Deering & Co.....	36 15	
G. P. Richards & Co.....	28 70	
F. W. Palmer.....	9 33	
W. S. Peaslee & Co.....	11 43	
A. D. Stetson & Son.....	13 50	
F. T. Dana.....	5 99	
H. W. Hawes.....	2 80	
Maine Central R. R.....	12 37	
Maine Coast Navigation Co.....	3 25	
John Smith, labor.....	25 93	
M. M. Smith, ".....	12 50	
Edwin Smith ".....	29 00	
Wm. Rines, ".....	2 75	
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		\$315 23

Land Damage Account.

(Nason's Road.)

APPROPRIATION, \$220.00.

George Bailey, damage.....	\$145 00	
Seth P. Nason, ".....	30 00	
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		\$175 00

Schools.

APPROPRIATION.....	\$1,500 00
High school fund.....	\$500 00
Same State	222 25
Mill fund and school tax.....	\$1,225 67
Tuition	90 00
Shingles sold.....	75
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	\$3,538 67

Salaries of Teachers.

Elden P. Munsey, Principal.....	\$700 00
Lilliotta Dickinson, assistant.....	115 00
Charles S. Sewall, "	60 00
Dora L. Kitchen.....	70 00
Vernie Blagden.....	90 00
Mae S. Lennox.....	268 50
Lillian D. Smith.....	272 00
Hattie M. Pushard.....	189 00
Jessie M. Jackson.....	280 00
Minnie B. Nute.....	262 50
Abbie M. Black.....	203 00
May E. Plumstead	88 00
Frank W. Jackson.....	280 00
Frank Plumstead.....	88 00
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	\$2,966 00
For care of rooms, fuel, repairs, insurance and all other purposes approved by W. F. Merrill, supt.....	\$538 18
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	\$3,504 18

Total Orders drawn by Selectmen.

Town Farm and Paupers.....	\$1,642 15
Sidewalks and bridges.....	1,221 52
Contingent	185 97
Fire Department.....	307 47

Town officers.....	499 47	
School book account.....	162 09	
Schools	3,504 18	
Highways	1,739 42	
New school building.....	607 61	
School-house repair account.....	315 23	
Land damage, Nason road.....	175 00	
		<hr/> \$10,360 11
Total for preceding year.....	\$10,084 17	
Increase	275 94	

Orders paid by Treasurer for the different Accounts.

Town Farm and Paupers.....	\$1,508 65	
Sidewalks and bridges.....	1,210 02	
Contingent	159 64	
Fire department	306 25	
Town officers.....	219 47	
School book account.....	162 09	
Schools	2,901 16	
Highways	1,669 11	
New school building.....	607 61	
School-house repairs.....	315 23	
Land damage account.....	145 00	
		<hr/> \$9,204 23
		<hr/> \$1,155 88

Outstanding Orders Account.

Town Farm and Pauper:

No. 33.....	\$10 43	
40	27 33	
48.....	72 95	
51 1/2.....	7 24	
55.....	15 55	
		<hr/> \$133 50

Sidewalks and Bridges:

No. 36	\$1 80	
52	2 20	
55	6 00	
59	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$11 50

Contingent:

No. 13	\$2 50	
15	4 00	
20	15 83	
21	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$26 33

Fire Department:

No. 9	72	
12	50	
	<hr/>	\$1 22

Town Officers:

No. 11	\$100 00	
12	40 00	
13	65 00	
14	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$280 00

Schools:

No. 2	\$4 00	
3	25 00	
62	26 00	
69	1 87	
74	7 50	
75	90 00	
78	96 00	
80	240 00	
84	2 65	
87	25	
90	9 75	
92	4 00	
93	96 00	
	<hr/>	\$603 02

Highway Account:

No. 8	\$1 60	
37	1 25	
47	80	
185	3 15	
203	90	
210	1 80	
212	26 98	
223	3 76	
229	2 63	
231	9 90	
233	6 90	
237	60	
238	60	
240	1 75	
242	94	
243	6 75	
		\$70 31
Land damage No. 3		\$30 00
		<hr/> \$1,155 88

Orders unpaid last year, 1895-6.

Town Farm and Paupers, No. 48	\$ 55
Highway, No. 168	2 25
	<hr/> \$2 80

Abatements.

To E. E. Seekins, collector, 1895	\$156 83
To C. W. West, " 1896	49 72

Collectors' Accounts.*R. H. T. Taylor, Collector, 1894.*

DR.

To uncollected taxes.....	\$155 36	
Supplemental tax.....	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$158 36

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By paid C. W. West, treasurer.....		158 36
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E. E. Seekins, Collector, 1895.

DR.

To uncollected taxes.....		\$5,186 80
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CR.

By cash paid treasurer.....	\$4,636 92	
tax deeds.....	106 25	
abatements	156 83	
uncollected taxes to new account.....	286 80	
	<hr/>	\$5,186 80

C. W. West, Collector, 1896.

DR.

To amount committed.....		\$11,824 70
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CR.

By cash collected.....	\$7,297 57	
abatements	49 72	
uncollected taxes to new account.....	4,477 41	
	<hr/>	\$11,824 70

Treasurer's Account.*Chas. W. West, Treasurer, in Account with the Town of Wiscasset.*

DR.

To balance in the treasury March 1, 1896.....	\$692 69
State school fund and mill tax.....	1,225 67
High school fund.....	222 25
R. H. T. Taylor, Collector, 1894.....	158 36
E. E. Seekins, " 1895.....	4,636 92
C. W. West, " 1896	7,297 57
Tuitions	90 00
Cemetery lot, contingent account.....	3 00
Town farm and pauper account.....	63 47
Sidewalk and bridge account.....	75
Schoolbook "	1 25
School "	75
From Miss Ann H. Bailey, for care cemetery lot.....	300 00
Pensions from State.....	120 00
Telegraph tax from State.....	57 03
Dog tax refunded from State.....	64 45
Seal bounty.....	31 00
Loans	1,000 00
Non-resident taxes.....	82 88

\$16,048 04

CR.

By paid orders drawn by Selectmen.....	\$9,204 23
Outstanding orders.....	1,054 59
State tax.....	1,290 12
County tax.....	717 61
Pensions	120 00
Seal bounty.....	7 00
E. E. Seekins, Collector, bal. due on com.....	50 00
Bonds: \$1,000 old issue, \$1,000 new issue....	2,000 00
Coupons	881 25
Interest.....	97 50
Labor on Greenleaf cemetery lot.....	4 00
" " Bailey " "	12 00
On loan.....	100 00
Balance in treasury.....	509 74

\$16,048 04

Town Debt Statement.

ASSETS.

Cash in the Treasury.....	\$509 74
Uncollected taxes, 1895.....	286 80
" " 1896.....	4,477 41
84 shares W. & Q. R. R.....	
Trust Fund, Catherine Munsey.....	125 00
" " John Greenleaf.....	100 00
" " Ann H. Bailey.....	300 00
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	\$5,798 95

LIABILITIES.

4 per cent bonds.....	\$16,475 00
4½ per cent bonds.....	5,000 00
Unpaid coupons.....	76 50
Due school district No. 1.....	1,026 16
Trust funds.....	525 00
Outstanding orders, 1896.....	1,155 88
" " 1895.....	2 80
Loans	900 00
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	\$15,161 34

Balance..... \$19,362 39

Old issue paid during year..... \$1,000 00

Amount now standing at..... 2,100 00

F. W. SEWALL, Auditor.

INVENTORY TAKEN AT TOWN FARM, MARCH 25, 1896.

Town farm and buildings	\$1,200 00	
Wood lot	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,400 00
3 cows, \$75 ; 1 swine, \$10 ; 25 hens, \$5.25..	90 25	
1 mowing machine	40 00	
Wood, hay, farming tools, furniture, bedding, stoves, crockery ware, &c	268 20	
	<hr/>	\$398 45
Total assets		\$1,798 45

INVENTORY OF TOWN PROPERTY, MARCH 5, 1897.

Town farm and buildings	\$1,200 00	
Wood lot	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,400 00
2 cows, \$50 ; 2 oxen, \$90 ; 24 hens, \$6.....	\$146 00	
2 swine, 17 ; 1 calf, \$3	20 00	
1 mowing machine	40 00	
Wood, hay, farming tools, furniture, bedding, stoves, crockery ware, &c	361 58	
	<hr/>	\$567 58
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		\$1,967 58

House and lot occupied by A. F. Bailey	\$200 00
Payson lot, so called	50 00
Sewall lot, so called	50 00
Lot of land bought of John Grover and Jas. Dickinson for cemetery	250 00
Lot of land near Alna town line formerly own- ed by Dan'l Goud	100 00
Engine house and lot No. 1	300 00
Engine house and lot No. 2	150 00
2 fire engines and 1,500 ft. hose	1,000 00
1 hook and ladder truck, ladders, &c	250 00
"Academy" school-house and lot	500 00
"Garrison Hill" school-house and lot	500 00
North school-house and lot	700 00
Birch Point school-house and lot	800 00

South school-house and lot.....	400 00	
Lowelltown " " "	600 00	
Gliddentown school-house and lot.....	50 00	
School books and apparatus.....	400 00	
Office, furniture, safe, law books, &c.....	75 00	
Hearse house and hearse.....	25 00	
Road machine.....	50 00	
		<hr/> \$6,450 00
Total		<hr/> \$8,417 58 <hr/>

Estimates for 1897.

The selectmen submit the following estimates for a tax for town purposes for the ensuing year :

For Paupers and expenses of farm.....	\$1,500 00
Schools	1,500 00
Town officers.....	500 00
Fire department.....	350 00
Sidewalks and bridges.....	700 00
Contingent expenses.....	200 00
Abatements	200 00
Commissions.....	200 00
Highways in money.....	1,500 00
School books.....	150 00
Town debt and interest.....	2,000 00
Free High School.....	500 00
	<hr/> \$9,300 00

LINCOLN W. GIBBS.
WISLON LEWIS,
EDWIN AMSDEN.

} Selectmen.

STATE OF MAINE.

To Alfred Call, Constable of the Town of Wiscasset, in the County of Lincoln,

Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Wiscasset, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Franklin Hall in said town, on Monday the 15th day of March, 1897, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

Art. 3. To hear reports of outstanding committees, and act thereon.

Art. 4. To see if the town will grant and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance and support of schools, and the poor, and repair of roads and bridges, and to defray all other town charges for the year ensuing.

Art. 5. To see what action the town will take in regard to raising money to aid in paying, refunding or renewing the existing indebtedness of the town in whole or in part.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the maintenance of a free high school the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended for repairs and insurance of school buildings the ensuing year, or do or act anything thereon.

Art. 8. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow, on the faith and credit of the town, from time to time the ensuing year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the pay-

ment of town charges ; such sums to be paid during the current municipal year.

Art. 9. To see what action the town will take relative to building a high school-house in the center village, or procuring suitable grounds for such school-house, or do or act anything respecting the same.

Art 10. To see if the town will grant permission to Wm. G. Hubbard to construct a private drain under Main street ; leading from the Hilton house and other points in that immediate vicinity, to Sheepscot river.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to organize a Hook and Ladder Company, determine the number of members, and compensation of the same ; or do or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up a copy thereof, attested by you, in a public and conspicuous place in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen or Town Clerk, on or before the time of holding said meeting.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at their office, for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, on Saturday, the 13th. day of March, 1897. from 9 o'clock in the forenoon, till 12 o'clock, noon.

Given under our hands this 6th. day of March, in the year 1897.

LINCOLN W. GIBBS,	}	<i>Selectmen of Wiscasset.</i>
WILSON LEWIS,		
EDWIN AMSDEN,		

Report of Superintendent of Schools.

As required by law, I submit the following report for the year ending March, 1897.

School committee and term of service commencing March, 1896.

ELDEN P. MUNSEY, {	..... 3 years.
EDWIN SMITH, }	
W. F. MERRILL.....	2 years.
ABIEL G. GREENLEAF, {	..... 1 year.
SILAS A. STEPHENS, }	

Amount of money for the schools due from the town	
March 1, 1896.....	\$73 47
Appropriated by town.....	1,500 00
State fund and mill tax.....	1,225 67
Appropriated by town for High School.....	500 00
Received from State.....	222 25
Received for tuition.....	90 00
Total for schools.....	\$3,611 39

HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. Elden P. Munsey, A. B., wages per wk. \$20.00.	\$700 00
Assistant, spring term, Mr. Chas. S. Sewall; fall and winter terms, Miss Lilliotta Dickinson; wages of assistant, \$5.00 per week.....	\$175 00
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Length of school year, thirty-five weeks.

FIRST GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Miss Jessie M. Jackson, teacher. Wages per week, \$8.00.....	\$280 00
Length of school year, thirty-five weeks.	

SECOND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Mr. Frank W. Jackson, teacher. Wages per week, \$8.00.....	\$280 00
Length of school year, thirty-five weeks.	

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Spring term, Miss Vernie M. Blagden, teacher.
 Fall and Winter terms, Miss Mae Lennox, teacher.
 Wages per week, \$7.50..... \$262 50
 Length of school year, thirty-five weeks.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Miss Minnie Nute, Principal, Miss Dora Kitchin,
 Assistant.

Wages per week:
 Principal, \$7.50..... \$262 50
 Assistant, \$2.00..... 70 00
 \$332 50
 Length of school year, thirty-five weeks.

NORTH SCHOOL.

Miss Lillian D. Smith, teacher. Wages per
 week, \$8.00..... \$272 00
 Length of school year, thirty-four weeks.

LOWELLTOWN SCHOOL.

Miss Hattie Pushard, teacher. Wages per
 week, \$7.00..... \$189 00
 Length of school year, twenty-seven weeks.

SOUTH SCHOOL

Miss Abbie Black, teacher. Wages per week,
 \$7.00..... \$203 00
 Length of school year, twenty-nine weeks.

BIRCH POINT SCHOOL.

Spring term, Miss Mae Lennox, teacher; Fall term,
 Miss May E. Plumstead, teacher; Winter term, Mr.
 Frank Plumstead, teacher. Wages per week, \$8.00... \$272 00
 Length of school year thirty-four weeks.

Amount paid for teachers past year..... \$2,966 00

General Remarks.

It is gratifying to know that of more than five hundred towns and plantations in the state, Wiscasset stands No. 46 as to the percentage of scholars who have attended school the past year; and of the sixteen counties, Lincoln County stands No. 1; and of the eighteen towns and plantation in Lincoln County,

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Wiscasset stands No. 2, showing that we are making a strong effort to give the scholars of this part of the state a liberal education.

During the past year one new school-house has been erected and one other thoroughly repaired, so that it is equally as good as new, making all the school-houses in the outer districts in good repair and they will need but very little done on them outside of incidental repairs, except the South school-house which ought to have some work done on the underpinning the coming spring. The buildings in the village district are in such condition that they need more or less repairs about every week of school. The High school-house is not worth putting any more on than is actually necessary, but the academy, by putting some repairs on the interior and out buildings, which are needed very much, will do for a number of years.

During the past few years we have been receiving quite a sum for tuition to the High School from scholars out of town, but after the coming spring term nearly all of that income will cease, as nearly all those who are paying tuition will finish their course in the spring term. Our school-room is so overcrowded with our town scholars that we have but little room for outside pupils if they should apply. Our High school has no apparatus and but few reference books, which are needed very much, and we would recommend that the sum of \$700.00 be appropriated for a Free High School for the ensuing year.

The following decisions have been made by the state department.

The following expenses *only* may be paid from the Common School fund, viz.:

1. Teachers' wages and board.
2. Janitors' services.
3. Transporting scholars to and from school when ordered by Superintending School Committee.
4. Fuel.
5. Necessary apparatus and appliances (not text-books) for the use of common schools. The expenses of school superintendence, of text-books, repairs, insurance, etc., must be paid from other sources than the Common School Fund.

Our school buildings should be kept insured, and we recommend that the sum of \$250.00 be appropriated for insurance and repairs.

W. F. MERRILL, Supt.

Wiscasset, March 5, 1897.

